

HONEY



Honey production from beekeepers with five or more hives in New York totaled 4.29 million pounds during. This total is down 11 percent from the 2003 production of 4.82 million pounds.

The 2004 production was extracted from 64,000 colonies, down 4 percent from the 67,000 colonies in 2003. Honey yield per colony averaged 67 pounds, 7 percent below the 2003 yield. Honey stocks on hand across the State as of December 15, 2004 totaled 1.89 million pounds, an increase of 15 percent from the 1.64 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices received by beekeepers in New York averaged 133 cents per pound for all methods of sale during 2004, 2 percent less than the 2003 average price of 136 cents. Value of honey production for the State in 2004 totaled \$5.70 million, compared with \$6.56 million in 2003.

Table 68. **HONEY:** Production and Value, New York, 1995-2004 ^{1/}

Year	Colonies of bees	Yield per colony	Production	Price per pound	Total value	Stocks on Dec. 15
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 lbs.</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>1,000 dol.</u>	<u>1,000 lb.</u>
1995	70	75	5,250	.71	3,728	2,100
1996	68	80	5,440	.89	4,842	2,557
1997	72	60	4,320	.85	3,672	2,246
1998	65	80	5,200	.70	3,640	2,444
1999	69	70	4,830	.66	3,188	2,077
2000	58	80	4,640	.55	2,552	2,274
2001	53	70	3,710	.79	2,931	1,781
2002	60	98	5,880	1.25	7,350	2,470
2003	67	72	4,824	1.36	6,561	1,640
2004	64	67	4,288	1.33	5,703	1,887

^{1/} For apiaries with 5 or more colonies.